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NOTE VERBALE DATED 11 MARCH 1994 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 7 and 10 March 1994, there appear to have been 12 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note verbale.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 1,519.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(7-11 March 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1530	7 Mar.	1030	1031	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-17 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross flying in the area east of Mostar, heading south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Slow Low
1531	7 Mar.	1045	1115	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white and blue helicopter land at Stipici, 12 kilometres north-east of Gorni Vakuf. 150 bags of flour were loaded onto the helicopter and then it departed to the east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Slow Low
1532	7 Mar.	1320	1321	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter taking off from Tarcin, 25 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo, heading north. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North Slow Taking off
1533	7 Mar.	1400	1720	Flight 1533 began as an approved MEDEVAC from Pale to Zvornik and return. It became a violation because United Nations military observers were denied access at Zvornik to perform the required inspection. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-west Slow Low
1534	7 Mar.	1419	1436	AWACS made radar contact with a track 20 kilometres south of Zenica, heading north. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighter aircraft were sent to investigate and made visual contact with a white helicopter with a blue band and a red cross. The helicopter landed first on a road 6 kilometres south of Zenica, where passengers disembarked. The helicopter then proceeded to a field 3 kilometres south-east of Zenica, and landed. UNPROFOR personnel also observed the second landing and saw two people depart and one large ammunition box unloaded. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North 50-120 knots Low
				[8 March: no violations reported]	
1535	9 Mar.	0634	0646	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres south-west of Vitez, heading south-west. The contact was lost 5 kilometres east of Prozor. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-west Slow Unknown
1536	9 Mar.	1032	1035	AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres south-east of Gacko, 80 kilometres south of Sarajevo, heading north. The contact was lost 15 kilometres north of Gacko. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North Slow Unknown

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Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1537	9 Mar.	1300	1301	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter with red cross on the fuselage flying 5 kilometres north of Medugorje, heading south-west. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west Unknown Unknown
1538	9 Mar.	1519	1605	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a white MI-8 helicopter 33 kilometres south of Vitez. Visual contact was lost in the area of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South then north Unknown 1,000 feet
1539	10 Mar.	0902	1409	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC from Divulje (Split) to Kiseljak and return. The flight became a violation when, on inspection by UNPROFOR personnel, it was observed that 16 extra passengers, all healthy, disembarked from the helicopter at Divulje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow Low
1540	10 Mar.	1115	1700	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC from Pale to Zvornik and return. It became a violation when it did not adhere to the approved flight schedule but departed for several hours to an unknown destination. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-east Slow Low
1541	10 Mar.	1130	1131	UNPROFOR personnel observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross land 15 kilometres north-east of Gorni Vakuf. Passengers were seen disembarking the aircraft. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low